

**From:** Guthrie Chamberlain  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft

I am writing today to voice my opinion on the Microsoft Antitrust case. As an owner of a business that is part of the IT industry I feel this case has been dragging on for too long and it has hurt not only Microsoft, the entire IT industry and indeed the entire economy. The government has no rights meddling in the affairs of independent business unless it is truly hurting consumers through unfair practices. This is certainly not the case with Microsoft who has facilitated computing technology to benefit the majority of the world's population. Productivity and creativity has been stifled and it is now showing in the marketplace. Our economy has grown so much in the past two decades, due mainly to Microsoft and other key companies providing innovative products to the general consumer.

I have firsthand experience dealing with Microsoft, as I work as a Systems Integrator, creating and installing networks. Their products have made our business and the majority of our clients run smoothly and more efficient. As Microsoft experienced problems due to these lawsuits, so have we and it has affected the entire economy. I feel part of the recession that we are now experiencing is due to these lawsuits. I ask that you please take the public's concern into consideration and help put an end to the lawsuits. Additionally, I hope that remaining nine states can come to quick settlements, without further scrutiny from the government.

Sincerely,

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Isaiah 40:31

"but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."